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## FORM ORGANIZATION FOR LINCOLN WAY

EFFECTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO  
HEAD OFF ANY ATTEMPT TO  
ROB COUNTY OF GREAT  
ROAD

## WOLF LAKE BIG MEETING

Officers Elected and Committees  
Named to Make Prompt Action On  
Short Notice

It is given out that all plans to abandon the Lincoln Highway from Ligonier to Fort Wayne have been given up under the pressure of aroused public opinion. This may be true, but there are a good many who must be shown.

There is another and more dangerous plan on foot, however. This is to improve the Blazed Trail from Ligonier to the Ohio state line before the Ligonier-Fort Wayne gap in the Lincoln Highway is paved. This latter scheme will accomplish the purpose sought for it will draw all the traffic from Ligonier east and leave the Ligonier-Fort Wayne branch of the Lincoln Highway stuck in the mud.

One of the most enthusiastic highway meetings ever held in Noble county was held at the Wolf Lake town hall last Thursday evening when over 300 citizens from Albion, Churubusco, Kimmell, Cromwell and other points along the Lincoln Highway braved the downpour of rain and registered their protest in no uncertain terms against the underhanded methods that have been employed by certain interests in an effort to change the course of the Lincoln Highway from Ligonier to Fort Wayne.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. J. E. Luckey of Wolf Lake who was chosen temporary chairman. After a few brief remarks in which the chairman outlined the purpose of the meeting, J. C. Kimmell of Cromwell was selected as secretary of the meeting.

The chairman then presented County Attorney Otto E. Grant of Albion who reviewed the history of the Lincoln Highway from the time it was established by the National Lincoln Highway Commission, and later laid out as one of the main market highways of Indiana, by the first state highway commission, and was later established as a part of the state highway system by the Indiana legislature. He read letters from the State Highway Commission to George A. Young Auditor of Noble county in which they assured him that the Lincoln Highway would be built as laid out by the first commission provided Noble county would meet certain requirements and gave proof that the Commissioners of Noble county had agreed to meet every request of the state highway commission. He pointed out that when the Legislature of 1919 adjourned and the State Highway Commission was reorganized the County Auditor received a report of the new commission in which several new state roads were established in Noble County and the Lincoln Highway was ignored. It was then that the people of Noble County became aroused and at once became suspicious of the new member of the Commission from Noble County who it was learned had been selected by certain special interests to change the course of the Lincoln Highway through Noble county. Delegates were sent to Indianapolis, the best legal talent was employed to go before the new Highway Commission and they were always assured that the commission had no intention of changing the course of the Lincoln Highway and would always agree to construct it first. Mr. Grant advised his audience to perfect a permanent organization broad enough in its scope to take in every person in Noble, Whitley and Allen counties who favor the Lincoln Highway and believe in a square deal. He was followed by Harvey Eshelman Commissioner of Noble county, J. C. Kimmell, of Cromwell, Byron P. Gray of Wolf Lake and others.

A constitution and By Laws was adopted 68 members signed the membership roll and the following officers were elected. President Dr. J. E. Luckey of Wolf Lake, Vice President Milo Calbeck, Ligonier, Secretary and Treasurer, J. C. Kimmell, Cromwell. The chairman was instructed to appoint a Vice Chairman from Whitley and one from Allen counties.

The president appointed the following membership committee to make a drive for members. Perry township, W. H. Wigton and W. C. E. Harrison, Sparta township, J. E. Hitler, James Summers and Melvin Werner, Washington township, Walter Beers and Daniel D. Stump, Noble township, W. H. Smith and A. J. Graves, Green township, Freeland Gaff and Samuel Harlan, York township, H. G. Earnhart and Jack Buckles, Albion township Ed. Eagle and Otto E. Grant.

The next meeting of the association will be held at the Wolf Lake town hall Thursday evening April 29.

### GREAT SALE ON

Sheets Stores Will Clear Out Great Stock of Merchandise With Rush

Probably the greatest sale of merchandise ever staged in Ligonier will take place at the Sheets Stores for the next sixteen days.

The sale opens tomorrow Wednesday, April 21, and for a little over two weeks the rush will be on.

The announcement of this sale occupies two full pages of this issue of the Banner and the great reduction in prices will appeal to all buyers.

Bills have been sent through the mails to every resident within a dozen or fifteen miles of this city and customers will come in platoons and regiments.

This is no cheap John sale but the disposal of the very best merchandise at a cost set out in plain figures so all may know just what they are getting for their money.

Readers of the Banner will be quick to scan the bargain list.

### State Republican Platform.

At a meeting of the Republican Advisory Committee in Indianapolis the other day a draft for the state platform was mapped out.

Among the things the platform will declare for is a protective tariff, in defense of the Goodrich tax law with supplemented act to exempt from taxation household goods up to a certain amount, indorsement of Senators Lodge, New and Watson, federal extravagance curtailed and high cost of living reduced.

A pledge of economy in state government is made, but no mention of Gov. Goodrich is found.

### Sugar Price to Soar.

Sugar is selling in the Ligonier market at 21 cents the pound and the price will go to 25 cents it is predicted. There was a time when six pounds could be secured for a quarter-but that seems long ago. The sugar shortage in the state is growing so acute that the price is bound to soar. Many people are hoarding sugar in Indiana which adds to the shortage in the market.

### Legion Post Meeting

All ex-service men are urged to attend the meeting of Ligonier Post American Legion in this city tomorrow, Wednesday, night April 21. Aside from an address by J. C. Brunk, secretary of the county Y. M. C. A. the matter of a petition to congress for a bonus will be considered. This means money to all former service men and should secure the attendance of all who served in the world war.

### Shorthorn Sale On.

One of the biggest sales of Shorthorn cattle ever held in the state is on today and tomorrow at Huntington. There are 170 head on sale and buyers are present from 22 states. Spurgeon Brothers have stock on sale. They have just disposed of three head to the Otis interests. The Otis herd is the largest milking Shorthorn herd in the world.

### It Proved Costly.

There is a law in Indiana to protect improved highways from road hogs. It cost George Bush \$45 in a Columbia City court to find this out. Bush is a resident of North Manchester and he persisted in running a heavy traction engine over a highway cutting it to pieces. Prosecution followed with the result indicated above.

### Gas Shortage.

Tourists Saturday complained that they could secure no gasoline in South Bend, Elkhart and Goshen and this city was drawn on for supplies. The shortage is owing to the strike and freight blockade. If the embargo is not soon lifted there will be few automobiles running.

### Moore-Sparrow

Amanda Ann Moore and John Henry Sparrow, both of Ligonier, were united in marriage at the United Brethren parsonage in Albion, the Rev. H. W. Franklin officiating.

The bride gives her age as 46 and the groom 42. Mr. and Mrs. Sparrow will make their home in Ligonier.

### Flouring Mill Closed.

Lyon & Greenleaf had to close their big flouring mill last Wednesday and cannot operate until they get an outlet for their products. The freight blocked is the cause of the shutdown. The wheels were kept running until all storage space was filled.

### Factories Handicapped.

Unless the freight embargo is soon lifted and railway freight service resumed Ligonier factories will have to close. No material is being shipped in and finished products are being stored. The railway strike is proving a great calamity to the country.

### Given Birthday Party.

Mrs. H. H. Decker was given a birthday party Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wagoner on the North Side. The affair was a complete surprise on Mrs. Decker and was the occasion of much enjoyment to the eleven guests who participated in a picnic dinner.

### WOOL IN CLOTHING

Claude Harper, of Ligonier, Shows that the Wool Grower is Not the Profiteer

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 19.—Indiana farmer receives \$5.55 for the wool in an average suit of clothes large enough for a man weighing 175 pounds according to Claude Harper, Purdue University sheep specialist. Mr. Harper has issued a statement declaring farmers are not profiteering in the sale of clothing.

"A man who weighs 175 pounds requires 3 1/2 yards of cloth to make a suit, the weight of the clothing being from 10 to 12 ounces per yard," Mr. Harper's statement says. "The average medium weight wool suit is made of goods weighing 14 ounces per yard. At 3 1/2 yards per suit the cloth in the entire suit weighs 49 ounces, or a little more than three pounds. In the manufacture of all wool cloth it requires 1 1/2 pounds of scoured wool to produce a pound of cloth.

Therefore, considering waste in manufacturing, it requires about 62 ounces of scoured wool for an average suit of clothes. Most of the Indiana scoured wool is selling in Boston from \$1.25 to \$1.44 per pound. This wool scours around 50 per cent of grease and dirt. At \$1.44 per scoured pound, this makes wool worth nine cents per ounce. At 62 ounces are required for the entire suit, then the cost of wool in the suit is \$5.55."

Mr. Harper says that if a suit is made of the very best grade of wool, which is selling at about \$1.90 per scoured pound then the wool in the suit will cost \$7.37. The cost of shipping, commission, etc., he declared, is at least five cents per pound which is deducted from the producer's receipts. These, he pointed out, sell at retail all the way from \$49 to \$75 and higher.

"The figures show the farmer certainly is not profiteering," said Mr. Harper who also is secretary of the Indiana Sheep Breeders' and Feeders' Association.

### Real Estate Transfers.

Hal Louis Gruen to James W. Smith part lots 29 and 30 original plat Ligonier.

Albert Hite to Letha Hite, lot 26, Smith's addition.

William A. Lyons to Alfred J. Seagley, lot 20.

William J. Buckles to Mary A. Baker, part lots 13 and 14 Wood's addition.

Mabel Bowen to Dovey E. Myers, part of 13, Straus addition.

Bertha Geaugh to Ligonier Building & Investment Co. lot 17, Woods addition.

Harry J. Brown to Jesse L. Dunnigan, lot 16, O. P.

Solomon Loeser to Leo and Ferdinand Loeser, parcels of land in Section 28 and 33 Perry township.

### Low in Mentality.

After spending two or three days about the character and fitness of several members of the labor board appointed by the president, the senate confirmed all the appointments says the Columbia City Post. But they managed to give out the impression to the country before doing so that the board was made up largely of incompetent men thus crippling the influence of the board and giving grounds for those who may be dissatisfied with its decisions, grounds for fault finding. Senator New pronounced several of the members of the board below the required standard in intelligence.

### Gas Leg Amputated.

C. T. Hart, a well known resident of Brimfield submitted to a serious operation in the Sacred Heart hospital at Garrett, Thursday, when he had his leg amputated to relieve gangrene. He has suffered with the dreaded disease in the foot for the past two years. Dr. Hayes of Albion consulted, when it was regarded the only relief in sight was to amputate the leg.

### Kerns-Hardey

Saturday afternoon at the home of Rev. E. E. Hashour at Columbia City, occurred the marriage of Miss Irene Kerns, of Churubusco, and Fred A. Hardey, of Ligonier. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Albert McGuire and the groom is an employee of the Barker laundry Ligonier. The newlyweds will reside in this city.

### Loses Twenty Willie.

While in Citizens Bank Saturday afternoon Alvin Shock drew some money and walked out leaving a twenty-dollar bill lying on a desk. When he returned a little later the money was gone. Mr. Shock will appreciate if the finder will leave the bill at the bank for him.

### Returns to Ligonier.

George L. Foote, commissioner, has sold to Mae Trowl, lot 37, Ligonier. Mrs. Trowl has moved back from South Bend to this city.

The dance Friday evening at city hall of the B. B. R. was a most pleasant party and was highly enjoyed by the young people.

## JAMES M. CAIN HAS EASY ESCAPE

### ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FINE AND SUSPENDED SENTENCE IMPOSED BY COURT

### GOES BACK TO PLYMOUTH

Ligonier Victims of Young Forger Get No Relief Unless They Begin Prosecution.

James Adams and the Mier State Bank will lose on the bogus checks they cashed for Jimmy Cain unless action is taken in Noble county. Mr. Adams is shy 41 good dollars and the Mier Bank about \$80.

The following from the Peru Sentinel tells of Young Cain's trial in the Miami circuit court.

"James Cain the young check forger was arraigned before Judge Cole, upon entering a plea of guilty he was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to five years in the Jeffersonville reformatory and was fined in the sum of \$100. The father of the accused and a brother-in-law who came down from Plymouth Wednesday morning were in court and made a plea for leniency and upon recommendation of the Prosecuting attorney the prison sentence was suspended upon condition that the fine would be paid and that restitution be made to Cain's victims within ten days. The father and brother-in-law made a plea for leniency and upon recommendation of the Prosecuting attorney the prison sentence was suspended upon condition that the fine would be paid and that restitution be made to Cain's victims which amounts to about \$300. The son-in-law has a large farm in Marshall county and as farm laborers are scarce he is short of help to operate the farm. He told the court that Cain who is 23 years of age, had agreed, on condition that he would be released, to work for him on the farm this summer. In suspending the sentence the court gave the prisoner to understand the prison suspension would be revoked by any further law violation on his part.

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